

Samuel Knowles Jr. – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Samuel Knowles Jr. was the son of Samuel Knowles and Mercy Freeman and the grandson of Richard Knowles. He was born in Eastham in 1683. He was the third of eleven children. He married Bethia Brown in 1709 and they had six children. Samuel Jr. was a selectman, representative and a colonel in the militia. He died in Boston in 1751 at age sixty-eight. He was a third generation Eastham resident who received significant land grants.

1708

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr. about ten acres of upland. Seven of the ten acres were adjoining land of Samuel Knowles Sr. at the head of Great Namskaket at the northern end. Bounds were indicated by stones marked SK. Another parcel was about two acres next to land of Edward Snow. Other parcels were about one-half acre and about one-quarter acre next to his other land. PDF M63, M64.

1711

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr. and his heirs about four acres on the southeastern side of Town Cove and southwest of land of Thomas Smith. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T79.

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr. and his heirs land next to land of Richard Cooke. The dimensions indicate the lot was about four acres. PDF T79.

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr. and his heirs about six acres of upland next to Second Brook and on the northerly side of Mayo land. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T79.

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr., David Doane, Josiah Harding, Nathaniel Mayo Jr. and John Sparrow the seventeenth lot out of twenty-four lots at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot dimensions were not given but probably the lot was about six or seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T89.

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr. and his heirs about four acres on the eastern side of the way from Harwich to Eastham and on the northern side of the way to Pochet. Bounds were indicated by rocks and marked trees. Also, in laying out Nicholas Snow's land at the head of Namskaket about one acre of Knowles' land was mistakenly included in Snow's land. To make up for the mistake the Town granted Knowles about one acre partly at the easterly and partly at the westerly end of where his dwelling house stood. PDF T171.

1715

The Town corrected a mistake laying out a lot for Samuel Knowles Jr. near the Brook with boundary adjustments involving about one acre. PDF T182.

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr. and his heirs several parcels of land. One parcel was adjoining his other land at the head of Namskaket. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about six acres. Another parcel of about one acre was on the northerly side of the first parcel. Another parcel of about six acres included the northern part of the Cedar Swamp. Another parcel was in the swamp. Dimensions or acreage were not given but probably the parcel was at least one acre. PDF T213, T214.

1717

Samuel Knowles Jr. and John Paine for five shillings purchased from agents for the proprietors a parcel of land at a place commonly called John Banges' Point on the south side of the Great Meadow and adjoining land of Lieut. John Knowles. Dimensions or acreage were not given but the parcel probably was at least two acres. PDF T313.

Granted to Samuel Knowles Jr. and his heirs three parcels of land. One parcel was about six acres at the head of Great Namskaket. Another parcel next to his other land was about one and one-half acres based on the dimensions. Another parcel was about one acre next to land of John Cole and Thomas Rich. Bounds for the three parcels were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T314.

1725

Samuel Knowles Jr. purchased from John Freeman Jr. a tract of land next to the King's Road and near Freeman's dwelling house. The dimensions indicate the purchase was about five acres of land. PDF T329.

The land owned by Samuel Knowles Jr. and his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty acres. Up to 1745 thirty-three more Knowles received Eastham land grants.